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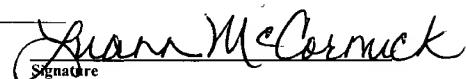
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- Transmitted herewith is an amendment after non-final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.111) for this application.

STATUS

- Applicant is a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

- The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

- The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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